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1. I handed to Senator Williams the DCI's letter of 7 February in reply to the Senator's request for information as to the space occupied by Federal agencies in the District of Columbia and [redacted] I told Senator Williams that the DCI wished him to know that we had an installation in [redacted] and its purpose. He did not seem particularly interested, indicating that CIA always wanted to play "cops and robbers" and asked why the GSA could not report this property as Defense property. I said that I was sure the GSA was including the [redacted] lease in their report to him together with all of our other holdings in the District, with the exception of certain things as indicated by the Director's letter which could not be reported by them. Senator Williams said that if he could not use them in a report, then he did not want the information. He asked, however, whether there were any committees of Congress which could receive such information or would receive it. I told him that we maintained the closest relations with the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees and that certainly we would give them such information if they asked for it, but that in any event we would be most reluctant to see a list [redacted] made available in writing. Senator Williams again reminded me that he had previously been critical of the "cops and robbers" attitude in the case of the [redacted] property which we had previously discussed, and I reiterated the fact that I had come to see him largely to convey the information regarding the fact that we had an installation in [redacted] in case he should ever be queried about it [redacted]

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2. I am informed that in a recent conversation which took place between Senator Bridges and Senator Margaret Chase Smith that the latter had advocated a Joint Committee on Central Intelligence, but that Senator Bridges opposed its creation stating that he felt that a small subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee was the correct way in which the problem should be handled.

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